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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE NEED TO KNOW URGENTLY WHETHER WEISZ WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO COMMERCIAL OFFICE THIS SUMMER, AS WE HAVE RECOMMENDED. WE NEED TO KNOW FOR HOUSING AND TRANSFER PROJECTIONS, AND ALSO TO PROVIDE FOR SOME CONTINUITY AT USCO DURING SUMMER TRANSFERS.

2. RE ADDITIONAL HOUSING. EVEN ASSUMING WE GET ALL OF THE REQUESTED NEW APARTMENTS BY APRIL 30, BASED ON PRESENT INFORMATION, WE EXPECT TO BE AT LEAST FIVE APARTMENTS SHORT BY AUGUST 1, AND THAT CONDITION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE NEW APARTMENTS ARE READY TO BE OCCUPIED. WE ARE NOW STUDYING WHICH SUMMER ARRIVALS WILL BE POSTPONED. IN GENERAL POSTPONEMENTS WILL BE DIVIDED AMONG SECTIONS AND AGENCIES AS EQUITABLY AS POSSIBLE. LATER IN THE MONTH WE WILL COME IN OPEN CHANNEL WITH THE SPECIFIC POSTPONEMENTS.

3. WE JUST RECEIVED AN UNCLASSIFIED PACKAGE IN THE POUCH ADDRESSED TO YURI BABENKOV, FIRST SECRETARY, AMERICAN EMBASSY, MOSCOW. INSIDE ARE PROMOTIONAL FOLDERS FROM
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ALLAN KRAUSE FOR A BURT LANCASTER DOCUMENTARY FILM, "THE UNKNOWN WAR." WE ASSUME BABENKOV WORKS ON 16TH STREET AND THAT YOU CAN SEND HIM ANOTHER PACKET. HOWEVER, IF YOU WANT US TO RETURN THIS ONE OR PASS IT ON TO SOME SOVIETS HERE, LET US KNOW.

4. RE DISSIDENT CONTACTS AND USE OF POUCH: EXCEPTIONS

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CITED IN STATE 83884 TO POLICY OF NOT TRANSMITTING
PERSONAL DOCUMENTS BY POUCH ARE THE ONLY ONES OF WHICH
WE ARE AWARE.

5. FOR SHERROD MCCALL: CAMERON PHONED BILL BROWN APRIL 3.
SHE'S IN ROOM 3251, EAST WING OF ROSSIYA HOTEL AND SOUNDS
HAPPY. AFTER SEEING BILL ON TUESDAY SHE PROCEEDS TO
LENINGRAD WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY. TOON

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